

4 – 10 March 2021

## Director General's Office

As the world marked International Women's Day, and International Women and Girls in Science Day before that, *icipe* Director General and CEO, Dr Segenet Kelemu, was recognized as one of the brilliant women breaking barriers, improving global health, and inspiring others to pursue careers in science; a 'modern Marie Curie'.

<https://www.ozy.com/pg/newsletter/whiskey-in-your-coffee/423702/>

<https://blog.pearsoninternationalschools.com/celebrating-international-women-and-girls-in-science-day/>

<https://borgenproject.org/tag/segenet-kelemu/>

## Video

<https://www.facebook.com/EthioEmbassyUK/videos/today-is-the-international-day-of-women-and-girls-in-scienceborn-in-ethiopia-pro/2641909516045449/>

## Push-pull technology

*icipe*'s Ethiopia Office, through a partnership with Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Integrated Pest Management (IPM IL) is training farmers on the use of Push-pull technology to reduce crop loss and enhance production. The initiative is also increasing the engagement and leadership of women in agricultural activities.

<https://www.thechicagocouncil.org/commentary-and-analysis/blogs/gendered-impacts-integrated-pest-management-ethiopia-and-beyond>

## Social media



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'The priority of countries is to protect themselves first, but what is deplorable is countries ordering vaccines at five, six times their needs. This may be good politics, good nationalism, but it's not good science.'

—Segenet Kelemu, Director General and CEO @icipe

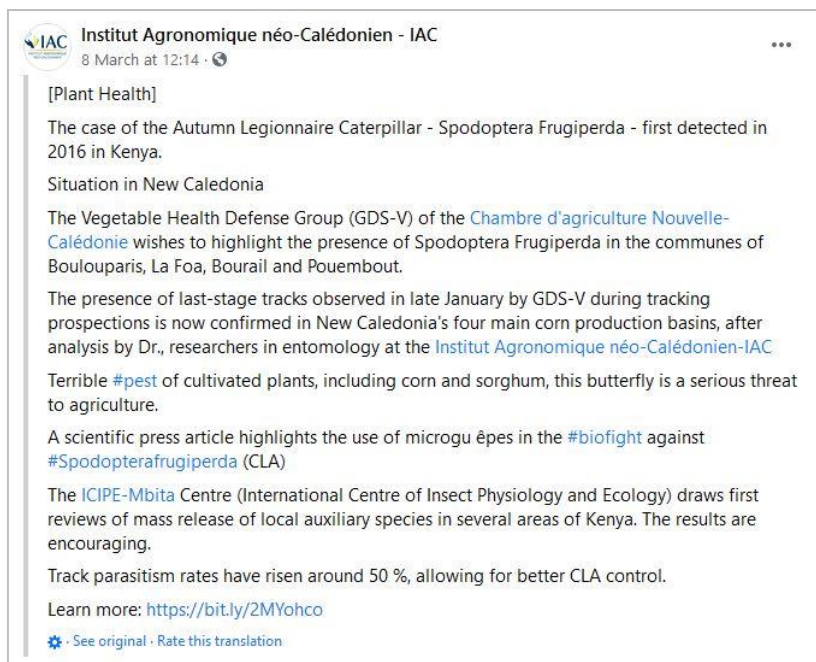
**Speaking now at 'COVID-19: Addressing vaccination inequality in an interconnected world'**

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Segenet Kelemu  
Director General and CEO,  
International Centre of Insect  
Physiology and Ecology

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Institut Agronomique néo-Calédonien - IAC

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[Plant Health]

The case of the Autumn Legionnaire Caterpillar - Spodoptera Frugiperda - first detected in 2016 in Kenya.

Situation in New Caledonia

The Vegetable Health Defense Group (GDS-V) of the [Chambre d'agriculture Nouvelle-Calédonie](#) wishes to highlight the presence of Spodoptera Frugiperda in the communes of Boulouparis, La Foa, Bourail and Pouembout.

The presence of last-stage tracks observed in late January by GDS-V during tracking inspections is now confirmed in New Caledonia's four main corn production basins, after analysis by Dr., researchers in entomology at the [Institut Agronomique néo-Calédonien-IAC](#).

Terrible #pest of cultivated plants, including corn and sorghum, this butterfly is a serious threat to agriculture.

A scientific press article highlights the use of microguêpes in the #biofight against #Spodopterafrugiperda (CLA)

The [ICIPE-Mbita Centre](#) (International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology) draws first reviews of mass release of local auxiliary species in several areas of Kenya. The results are encouraging.

Track parasitism rates have risen around 50 %, allowing for better CLA control.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2MYohco>

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#WorldWomensDay | Wife Day 2021

«If you educate a girl you educate a whole nation»

Their warmth is contagious. With that Dr. Samira Mohamed to conjure up warmth even in research laboratories full of moths and maggots. Ms. Dr. Mohamed is an agronomist specializing in plant protection and insectology at the international insect research institute icipe in Nairobi, partner organization of Biovision.

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It's #InternationalWomensDay ♀! @IPM\_IL is featuring some of the women collaborators around the world who help make our projects come alive.

Next up, @icipе collaborator Josephine Wetungu - thanks for all you do!

@FeedtheFuture @VT\_CIREd @virginia\_tech @USAID @WGD\_VT @UoE\_Main

FEED THE FUTURE  
The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative

"My current research is on farmers' perception, knowledge, and management of fall armyworm, the extent of its damage on maize in different agroecologies, its biology under different conditions, and screening of Kenyan maize genotypes for resistance against the pest. The contribution I am proudest of is that from this research farmers have been empowered with knowledge on how to manage their maize crop to prevent fall armyworm from becoming a threat. For example, from the study on host plant resistance, tolerant maize varieties were identified, which may be used in development of hybrids that are resistant to this pest and can be grown by farmers to reduce the losses due to fall armyworm."

- Josephine Wetungu,  
Graduate Student,  
University of Eldoret,  
Kenya



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One of our @WiDS\_Africa 2021 speakers is Winfred Gatua an @EANBiT\_Project MSc fellow registered at @PU\_Kilifi, currently undertaking her project at @icipе. She is passionate about genomics and genetics! Register: [tinyurl.com/1hnmize7](https://tinyurl.com/1hnmize7). #WomenInScience #IWD2021 ♀ #WiDS2021



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